TRADE AND INDUSTRIES

Indian Trade Unions Act, 1926.

895. The Commissioner of Labour is the *Ex-Officio* Registrar of Trade Unions.

896. There were 179 registered Trade Unions in the State at the beginning of the year. Nine applications were pending registration at the close of the year and 39 applications were received during the year. Thirty-four unions were registered and the registration of 37 inert and defunct unions were cancelled during the year for non-submission of annual returns, etc.

897. The total number of registered Trade Unions at the close of the year was 176 of which two were Employers' Organisations.

898. Five applications for amendments to the constitutions of registered trade unions were pending at the beginning of the year and 14 applications were received during the year. Seven amendments were effected during the year.

899. The Commissioner of Labour is the "Certifying Officer" in the State as per Section 2(c) of the Act.

900. There were 121 industrial concerns in the State that came under the purview of the Act.

(vii) Workmen's Compensation Act, 1923.

901. There were 61 cases pending disposal in the Courts of the Commissioners for Workmen's Compensation at the beginning of the year. During the year 1954, the number of cases filed, in respect of both industrial accidents and occupational diseases were 4,405, of which 65 related to fatal accidents, 4,340 to non-fatal. The total number of cases for disposal during the year were 4,476 including the cases pending at the commencement of the year (fatal 16 and non-fatal 45) and received for disposal from other Commissioners (fatal 6 and non-fatal 4) of which 4,421 were disposed of (fatal 53 and non-fatal 4,368).

902. The average amount of compensation paid during the year in respect of each fatal accident was Rs. 1,904·7, permanent disablement was Rs. 1,276·8 and temporary disablement was Rs. 23·4.